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Dear Harold:
My correction tribbon is out, which is too bad because this typewriter seems to have developed the habit of printing the wrong numbers and letters,so it needs to go to the shop.

Last week, I saw two Kennedy shows. The first was Charlie Rose, a PBS show. Thwy had on Seymour Hersh for 40 minutes, and Arthur Schlesinger for 20 minutes. Hersh was milder than his book apparently is, but still had plenty of tales of hookers, etc. Schlesinger refuted most o of it, stating that most of that stuff with the babes was exaggerated, and he isnsisted that the CIA did not tell Ike or JFK about the murder plots against Castro. KA pretty balanced show.

"Dangerous Wrold" was dthe ABC show devoted to Hersh' book. It was t strange. It began with the statement that JFK's death remains shrouded in mystery,so at least they got that right. Lots of Judith Campbell KExner. taking payoffs to Sam Giancana. Also, Tina Sinatra said Sam G. fixed the Chicago elections for JFK. Four Secret Service men stated they saw JFK with girls or hookers, which may or may not be true.
Very strange, the interviews were done by Hersh, but he was not show.n. A very unbalanced hatchet job, for sure.

By the way, we take all affronts to Mayor Daley personally in our household. Betsy's fatherworked for Daley, and her uncle Dick Dillon was one of the heads of the Democratic Party in Cook County. Her aunt Pat even got to argue foreign policy with JFK, before a Chicago political lunch in about 1959. I have sort of married into the Daley political machine. Betsy is still mad at me, she said if we had married earlier, we would have received a wedding gift form Mayor KDaley! As Schlesinger pointed out, Daley controlled votes, not the mob.
Of course, my biggest mistake was in not marrying Betsy earlier. I was a fool.
I'll get you some new ribbons when I take this machinge in . Does Lil need any more ribbons?
Fortunately, most of the family is well. I have been behind in my work, I'll try to send Paul KWurtzel a copy of Waketh h this week. I was re reading it this wekekend.
This is sort of a funny story you might like. In Key West, we were eating plenty of seafood and everything else. I got on a scale and it read 292. Now, that's fat! I think it was a little heavy, but I have tried to lose a little weitght since we got back. Next vacation may be at a fat farm.
I like to take the boat out on fresh water when I return from Florida. Last Sunday night, Nov. 30, I went out on the lake, unseasonably warm. Was nearly by myself. Went flyfishing for the firtst time in 10 yayears. Caught nothing, but had fun. It is eerie to be out on a lake by yourseldf So beautiful. Great Blue herons, ducks, ets. I was the last boat off the lake. I guess it takes a special type of nut to put the boat on a tralilor by yourself at night. I am that type of nutk!
I have several enclosures. I'll write soon.
Love,
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Past Part 2

I saw part of a Alabama PBS show the other night about your buddy, William Bradford Huie. It is called"I'm in the Truth Business".
I saw most of the part on Martin Luther King. In it, they interview Huie aobut his change of mind about whether or not King was killed in a conspiracy. He says the facts changed his mind, he now thinks King was killed by James Earl Ray alone. About a 1970 interview, and that and iI paraphrase, "Ray being the lone killer cost me a lot of money". I guess that was too bad for Huie!

Not to mention Dr. King.

As near as I could tell, only seeing half th e program, it did a pretty accurate job showingHJuie as a writer who made a lot of money, and perhaps not all his writning was accurate.

To make a long story short, every time I see a guy likeXXXXXXXX Huie or Seymokurt Hersh sell their soul for the big bucks$$$, or Posner, it makes me respect what you have done o all the more.

Truth is truly your only client. Although I have known this for years, as time has gone by, I have really ,really come to appreciate all that you and Lil have done for the sake of the truth.
When I see some guy get a Presidential award or the Kennedy awards or the "Profile in Coufage" award because he makes movies, or is a popular singer, or whatever, I just shake my head and think that you and Lil are truly prophets withoout enough honors.

I, for one, really understand what you two have done. And I know Wrone, McKnight, Ginocchio, McDonald and the rest of us do , too!

Bill